

**Free
Valentine's Day Gift**

Tea Light Holder



**Happy
Valentine's
Day**

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Dolly made by Enid Aschenbrenner-Webb

To make up for all the time spend in the workshop and to make women in your life happy, how about a little woodworking job that says "I love you"? A candle is always a nice gift, this one adds that special something. It shows Mom (wife, girlfriend) how you feel about them.

This is a simple, easy to make tea light holder for Valentines Day (or mother's day) even a young, inexperienced woodworker can handle, an ideal project for Dad to tackle with children too. It would also make a good group project for charity.

There are many ways to make it, go through your scrap pile and look for a fairly thick piece of lumber (wood).

We used a scrap timber of 12 mm (1/2") thickness for our sample. Transfer the heart pattern onto the wood twice. Drill the hole for the tea light before cutting the pattern! A large chunk of lumber/wood is easier/safer to hold in the drill press than a small heart. Drill the 38 mm (1 1/2") hole 12 mm (1/2") deep. If you don't have a drill bit that size you can also cut the hole with a scroll saw.

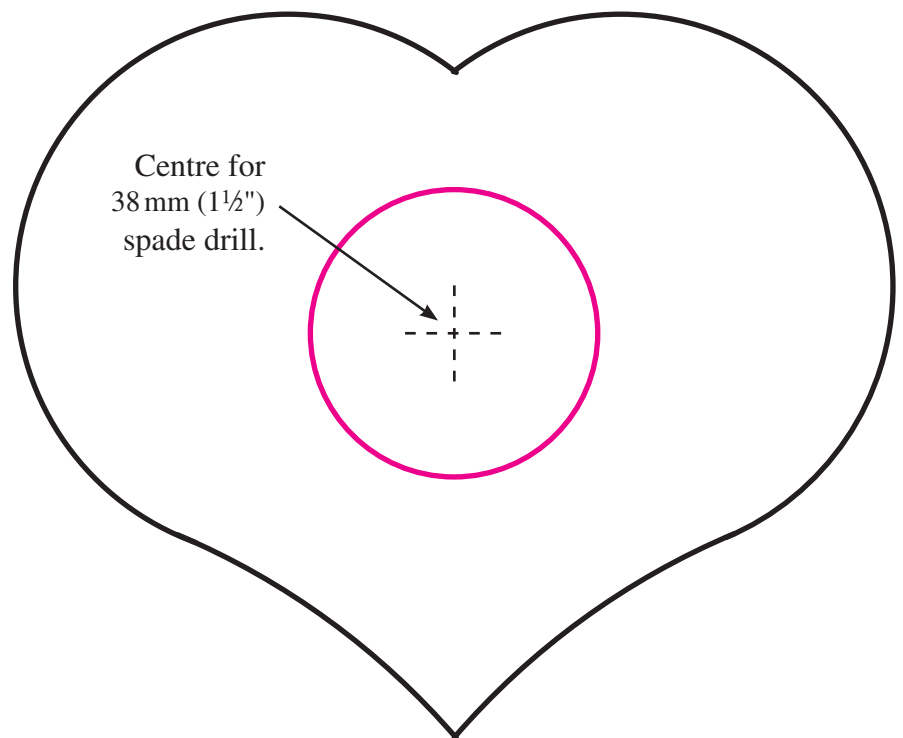
The standard size for tea lights is

38 mm (1 1/2"), check your lights and make sure the hole is big enough. If it's too tight just sand a bit off the inside of the hole.

After you've drilled the hole, cut the two heart shapes and glue them together. Sand well. Depending on what kind of wood you used you can finish with a coat of clear var-

nish, stain or even paint the heart a red. Have the kids help! Let them each decorate a heart. Polka dots and stripes can be fun too.

These are so quick and easy to make, cut out a bunch to decorate a big table. Let the kids take them to school to hand to teachers and friends... spread a little love! ☺



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